

## CHAIN OF BANKS IN JERSEY.

## CONTROLLED BY UNITED STATES MORTGAGE AND TRUST CO.

Is What the Victory of the Carragan-Young Party in the Direct vote of Mechanics' Trust Co. of Bayonne Really Means, Say Those Who Think They Know.

The fight for the control of the Mechanics' Trust Company of Bayonne was settled last night when the Board of Directors met to elect a President and other officers and committees. There was a regular and quiet election of Carragan and Booth as President and Vice-President, respectively, and the Carragan and Booth parties fell on the necks of one another and protested that neither had ever had any idea that there had been a scrap. Though neither Carragan nor Booth was elected President, the election showed that Carragan and his friends were in the saddle and it also showed that, from now on, the real control of the Mechanics' Trust Company of Bayonne will be in the hands of the United States Mortgage and Trust Company of this city.

As was said in THE SUN of yesterday the rival candidates for the presidency were the Vice-President, Alfred W. Booth, and George Carragan, one of the directors. According to common report in Bayonne Carragan was supported by George W. Young, President of the United States Mortgage and Trust Company, who was a director at a meeting of the stockholders on last Tuesday. Nobody seems to know, except those away on the inside, why, at this particular time, a New York financier should be put in the directorate. The election of last night cleared up the mystery. It was learned that, in order to prevent any unpleasantness at the election, it was decided that Mr. Carragan should not be put forward for the presidency, but that Charles S. Noe, who has been the cashier of the trust company for many years, should be the candidate of the Carragan party. This programme was carried out and the following ticket elected:

President, Charles S. Noe; Vice-President, Alfred W. Booth; Executive Committee, George W. Young, Martin R. Cook, Charles S. Noe and George Carragan; Securities Committee, George W. Young and Alfred W. Booth; Real Estate Committee, DeWitt Van Rensselaer, Charles E. Annett and Thomas J. Hall.

The meeting was held in the Directors' room of the institution and many Bayonites waited in the vicinity to hear the result. They had been all along behind the Carragan party, but the Carragan party was not over until nearly 11 o'clock. When the result was known, one of the citizens remarked:

"That settles it, Carragan and his friends have won out and a new syndicate of country banks controlled from New York has been formed."

"What do you mean by that?" asked a New York man.

"I mean this," was the answer: "The United States Mortgage and Trust Company of New York has been all along behind the Carragan party, and now that they have won out and a new syndicate of country banks controlled from New York has been formed."

This idea was partly confirmed by a relative of one of the directors, who has not been acting with the Carragan party, who said:

"I think it has been generally understood that this trust company, should the Carragan party win out, was to be used as a vehicle for the Carragan party to control the bank, which was to be controlled by the United States Mortgage and Trust Company of New York."

## THE KNICKERBOCKER BALL.

Receipts Will Go Into a Fund to Provide Seats for the Poor.

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## "AIDA" AT THE OPERA.

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Despite the humidity of its story, the grandeur of its musical treatment, Verdi's "Aida" has never been so popular an opera as others by the same master. This has been repeatedly proved in this city; the reason is not obvious. Eye and ear are alternately enraptured and assailed by color and melody; while the general pomp and circumstance of the work, embodying all that is best in Meyerbeer's "L'Africain," must not be forgotten as a character of that should make "Aida" one of the most fetching attractions of an operatic season. It was sung last night in the Metropolitan Opera House for the first time this season by the following singers: Gadski, Louise Homer, De Marchi, Journet, Muhlmann and Campanari. Seppilli conducted.

Apart from the Oriental atmosphere—strictly speaking, an artificial blend of European melodies and Eastern sensuality of intervals (augmented fourths, diminished sixths)—there is so much dramatically stirring in "Aida" that its comparatively mild drawing powers is difficult to comprehend. Beginning with "Celeste Aida" and ending with the desperate defiance of the final love duet one big time follows another. Perhaps if Verdi had been an older man—though old he was when he composed the opera—older in an artistic sense, he might have spun his web finer and more polyphonically. For example the last scene of the second act is bald in its melodic progressions. One tune follows another seemingly without preparation or psychological sequence. But Verdi may have aimed at just this out-of-doors effect, this empty sonority. In it are the light and hard blue skies of Thebes and its avenue of sphinxes. He has hardly and surpassed the quality of the third act, with its fluted moonlight, its tender nocturnal mystery. The entire score vibrates between torrid splendor and passionate woe.

Last night Eames did not sing Aida. She was suffering from hoarseness and Gadski took her place at a few hours' notice. Though she sang *Elas* in Philadelphia the night before, her interpretation was fresh, her singing the best singing she has yet shown. New York thus has a vocal soloist particularly to her first solo, "Bittora, Vincitor," which went with much *finesse*, passion. In the third act "Ciel Azzurri" and "O Patria Mia" suffered a little from the vocal prolixity of this singer in the finale of the second act. But in the duet with *Rhadames* Gadski sang with power. De Marchi achieved a triumph. He delivered "Celeste Aida" in a voice that was robust and hearty, and a sense of timidity that set an audience predisposed to enthusiasm roaring for more. His part in the concerted work was telling and in the duet "Pur ti riveggo" he set his listeners aflame; so much so that Conductor Seppilli was forced to an unseemly time—he stopped his hand and allowed Gadski and De Marchi to repeat the terminal phrases of the duo. It was not a proceeding that should be repeated.

If De Marchi's acting were not so conventional his *Rhadames* would have been a marvel, he is stiff in action and his high heels impeded his movements. But his voice and virile singing compensate for almost any deficiency. Campanari as *Amneris* is an artistic, well-rounded impersonation. He sang and acted with dramatic freedom and vivacity in the third act. Campanari's phrasing is a model and he sang "Bittora, Vincitor" with an audience understood. This cannot be said of the enunciation of all his colleagues. Louise Homer's *Amneris* is about the same as last season. Journet was an excellent *Ramfis* and Muhlmann the *King*. We missed Bauermeister as the *Priestess*. Martini taking her place. Vanni was the messenger boy. The ballets were delightfully danced and received scant applause. This is odd, for Americans are a rhythmic race. Perhaps the Puritan strain in us still wells in the graceful mixture of motion and melody.

The orchestra, under Seppilli was full of fire; indeed there was abundant ozone in the entire performance, the solo singers literally pouring out their voices in the finales. The stage settings were picturesque, the second act being most effective. With Amneris and other dog-faced divinities were carried in the usual procession the human figures, and the *Rhadames* color glowed. Perhaps the good news has not been carried to Thebes. There were many recalls, flowers and a reception to Gadski, De Marchi and Seppilli. The house was crowded—though this fact does not disturb in the least the statement that "Aida" is not as popular as it should be, and it was the most grateful house of the season. De Marchi must have thought so at the close of the opera.

## AN ODD MATINEE.

Boys There a Stage Fight and Alice Fisher Plays a New Role.

An unusual theatrical sight yesterday was an audience made up entirely of school boys, excepting the occupants of the boxes, Alice Fisher and her company acted "A Centenario of France" at Waldorf-Astoria yesterday afternoon, acting in a public school boys to make that all the more noteworthy. The boys certainly had a great time. The excitement made them a little noisy and rough in entering the theatre, but considering the fact it seemed to be to them they were remarkably well behaved.

Some officials of the house kept them quiet, and Alice Fisher, the actress, who must give lead roles in the fight, volunteered to control the youngsters, and she did so with as brilliant success as she achieved professionally in "France and the World." Various incidents were in the programme and their manners and dress were observed and applauded by the children.

It was an extraordinary sight to see a theatrical star and three hundred young people in a room where school boys are not allowed. The boys were very well behaved and the performance was very successful.

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## PRINCE HENRY'S RECEPTION.

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The Date of the Launching of the Kaiser's Yacht Not Yet Fixed, but the Builders Suggest Feb. 25, When the Tide is at the Flood—The President Appoints a Commission to Arrange for Reception.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—A long telegram was sent by the German Embassy to-day to the Foreign Office in Berlin outlining the programme arranged by the United States Government for the reception and entertainment of Prince Henry of Prussia. The programme is subject to the approval of the Prince, and until that has been received no formal announcement of the plans for his visit will be made.

The authorities here who are to have charge of the arrangements for receiving and entertaining the Kaiser's brother are all at sea as to the date of the launching. Wallace Downey, President of the Towne-Downey Company, which is building the imperial yacht, was here to-day in relation to the launching and the Prince's visit, and he advised President Roosevelt and other officials concerned that it would not be safe to send the yacht overboard after Feb. 25. The tide at his shipyard on Staten Island, which is the date of the launching, is at the flood on Feb. 20 and then begins to recede. Mr. Downey said that the yacht needed about fourteen feet of water, and it would be risky to defer the launching until after the date named. This view met with the approval of the German Embassy and the State Department, and it was decided to cable Prince Henry that it was advisable to have the launching at 10:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning, Feb. 25. Later in the day, however, certain things developed which may interfere with this arrangement. What these things are the officials declined to say. They explained that the whole programme would be known in two or three days.

President Roosevelt to-day appointed a commission to arrange for the reception and entertainment of Prince Henry. The members are Davis Jayne Hill, Assistant Secretary of State; Major-General Henry C. Corbin, Adjutant-General; U. S. Navy Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, U. S. N. These three officers will meet Prince Henry at New York and stay with him all the time that he remains in this country. In addition to serving on the commission, Admiral Evans will command the squadron of warships which is to greet the Prince at Quantico, and will be his personal aide during the entire visit. Count A. von Tattenbom, First Secretary of the German Embassy, has been designated by the German Ambassador to consult with the commission, and Col. Theodore A. Bingham, U. S. A., Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds, has been appointed as adviser to the commission on matters of court etiquette and ceremonials.

The German Consul-General at this port, Karl Busch, yesterday that Prince Henry would not return to Germany in the imperial yacht, *Hohenzollern*, as had been reported, but would sail by a fast steamship, *Prinzess Alice*, which is a liner of the *Deutschland* line. The *Hohenzollern* never has taken so long a cruise, and the Consul-General said Germany would watch and wait for the *Prinzess Alice* to arrive. "The original plan of the Prince to stay here two weeks may be changed," said the Consul-General, "as he may desire to make a more extended tour of the country, accepting the invitations of the big cities to visit them."

## JUST A WINE FIRM'S AD.

Fine Bottle Holder Made on Order for Christening Purposes.

An elaborate silver bottle holder of costly design was recently completed by Tiffany & Co., and rumor has had it that it was for the bottle of wine which Miss Alice Roosevelt is to break over the bow of the Kaiser's new yacht when she christens it at Shooter's Island in the presence of Prince Henry.

We did not see the bottle, but a member of the firm said yesterday, "because the owner of a yacht always looks after such a thing as that, and we do not expect that Prince Henry will neglect it. The holder of the bottle used in christening a boat is always presented after the ceremony with the vessel, and it is a tradition that the lady who broke it, and, as in this case, it would be Miss Roosevelt, it is almost a certainty that Prince Henry has ordered bottle and holder to suit his taste and to his liking. That is what we told the wine firm. I understand that the holder they have had made is of silver basket work and is very fine."

## MORE GERMAN SINGERS TO GREAT PRINCE.

The German Singing Societies of Newark, Paterson, Jersey City and Hoboken will send delegations to the conference of New York on Saturday, Jan. 18, to meet the Prince Henry who is to visit the city.

## DID FRANKIE LOHME SUCCEED?

Buffalo Lawyer Watched in Front of a Train and Was Killed.

Buffalo, Jan. 17.—Investigation to-day indicated that George S. Frankie, a Buffalo lawyer, named to kill himself when he walked in front of a train at Tonawanda yesterday. Mr. Frankie was fairly prosperous and well liked. He had improved his frame as greatly as possible since the accident and he had been in the city since the accident. He was a member of the Buffalo Athletic Club and was a very popular man.

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## A PROGRAMME SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

Immediately after landing at New York the Prince will take a special train for Washington, which will reach the capital early that evening. He will then go to the railroad station to the German Embassy, and that night will pay his visit of ceremony to President Roosevelt, who will return the visit on Sunday. On Sunday there will be a dinner at the German Embassy in honor of the Prince. On Monday the Presidential party and the Prince and his retinue will go to New York for the launching, which will take place on the following day, Feb. 25. That day and the next will be spent by the Prince and his retinue at the White House. The Prince will leave nine days for the Prince to go to Chicago and St. Louis and get back to New York on March 10, when his ship sails for Germany.

President Roosevelt is showing a lively interest in the coming visit of the Kaiser's brother. When Wallace Downey called yesterday to talk over the details of the launching of the imperial yacht, Mr. Roosevelt wanted to know all about the arrangements for sending the vessel into the water and spoke with enthusiasm of the cordiality shown by the Kaiser toward the United States. The President wants to make the Prince realize how much he appreciates the friendliness displayed by Emperor William and he is greatly interested in the programme for the reception and entertainment of the Prince.

He talked to the Cabinet to-day about the coming of Prince Henry, and it was evident from what he said that he regards the Prince's visit as a matter of political importance.

## PRINCE WILL ENJOY THE TRIP.

Declares His Pleasure at the Opportunity to Visit America.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Jan. 17.—Count Marshall Major-General Baron von Seckendorff, head of Prince Henry's personal staff on his coming visit to America, informs the SUN correspondent that Prince Henry has declared his great pleasure at the prospect of visiting the United States. He has traveled much and has made many American friends, he says that he will be glad of the opportunity of renewing friendships and shaking hands with American people. Although his visit would be made in an official capacity he meant to see and enjoy all that could be seen and enjoyed.

## STANDS BY CHAMBERLAIN.

Government Neither Qualifies Nor Withdraws His Speech.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 17.—In answer to numerous questions in the House of Commons to-day about Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's reference to the conduct of the German army in the Franco-Prussian war, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury and Government leader in the House, said that in an unofficial conversation between the Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Count Wolf-Meternich zur Gracht, the German Ambassador to Great Britain, the former pointed out that no charges of inhumanity against the German troops had been made by Mr. Chamberlain in his speech at Edinburgh. Mr. Balfour added that nothing, in the opinion of the Government, required to be said either qualifying or withdrawing the speech of the Colonial Secretary.

## TO SEIZE COUNT'S ESTATE.

France Officially Declares d'Anvers a Deserter.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Jan. 17.—Count d'Anvers, the young millionaire, who recently deserted from the army and fled to Spain, has been officially declared a deserter. He will shortly be tried by a court-martial and condemned in default, in which case his fortune will be sequestrated by the State.

A newspaper says that his family, which is socially very prominent, is applying to the civil courts for permission to realize on the Count's fortune before the decision of the court-martial is reached.

## WARNING TO LYNCH.

Galway's M. P. and Boer Leader Will Be Arrested If He Lands in England.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 17.—Mr. Arthur Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury and Government leader in the House of Commons, announced in the House this afternoon that if Col. Arthur Lynch, Member-elect from Galway, landed in England he would be arrested immediately.

## Death Rate Decreases in Concentration Camps.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 17.—A Parliamentary bluebook states that in the month of December there were 117,017 whites in the concentration camps in South Africa. The total number of deaths in the month was 2,586, being an annual death rate per 1,000 of 24 compared with 28 for the month of November.

## French Trade Increase in 1901.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Jan. 17.—The French imports for the year 1901 were of the value of 4,714,548,000 francs as against 4,607,800,000 francs during the year 1900. The exports in 1901 were valued at 4,166,165,000 francs against 4,080,000,000 francs in the previous year.

## Paris Approves King's speech.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Jan. 17.—The *Figaro*, commenting on King Edward's speech from the throne, says it is pacific and calm, and it should be coming from the lips of the head of an immense empire whose troops are still journeying.

## Queer London Character Dead.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 17.—William Henry a London character, died yesterday. He always wore a high hat decorated in gold letters. He had a peculiar manner of speaking and was a very odd character. He was a member of the London Club and was a very popular man.

## New Governor of the Bermudas.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 17.—Lord Henry Dufferin, Lord of the Isles, has been appointed Governor of the Bermudas.

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Brussels Reports of His Meeting With the Boer Delegates at Which the Terms They Would Accept Were Made Known—His Advice Taken After Protest.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 18.—The newspapers give prominence to a Brussels despatch reasserting that the visit of Dr. Kuyper, Prime Minister of the Netherlands, to England was made in connection with the reestablishment of peace in South Africa. The despatch says that Dr. Kuyper advised the Boer delegates to allow it to be known on what basis they would be willing to negotiate for peace. The delegates demurred, but ultimately a meeting of the delegates and Dr. Kuyper was arranged to take place in Brussels on Jan. 1. Dr. Kuyper then offered to personally ascertain in London whether the British Government genuinely desired peace, but he first requested to know the terms on which the delegates would open negotiations.

After five hours' discussion the terms were agreed upon and Dr. Kuyper went to London, having, however, emphatically assured the Boers that the Netherlands Government would on no account act as intermediary for them with Great Britain. The story abruptly ends here.

## NEELY ON THE STAND.

Denies Reeves's Testimony in the Cuban Postal Fraud Cases.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, Jan. 17.—The examination of ex-Director of Posts Rathbone, in the trial of the Post Office fraud cases, was concluded to-day.

Neely, representing Neely, the accused financial agent, asked that a letter written by Rathbone to Postmaster-General Smith on May 3, 1898, be read. The letter explained that Neely had gone on sick leave and the auditors were complaining that some of his books were missing. Rathbone added that he had telegraphed for Neely to return.

Neely was called after Rathbone and was examined by the Fiscal. He gave an explanation of the sale of surcharged stamps, which had been ordered destroyed. He admitted that he had ordered Moya to sell \$150,000 worth of these stamps, but regarding the sale on April 24, 25 and 26, 1900, he said that Rich had charge of it.

The witness admitted that he was formerly connected with the Neely Printing Company of Muncie, Ind., but said he had sold out his interest before he went to Cuba. He had held a mortgage of \$100,000 on the plant, but had transferred it to a firm in Chicago against his own bills. He deplored that he had received \$1,000 for a keyless lock, and that he had given Reeves \$1,000 before he (Neely) went to the United States. He spent the day before he left with Rich and Newman.

Neely was asked that Newman be called as a witness, and the Judge allowed the request. The Fiscal objected, on the ground that Newman was not on the list of witnesses.

## AUSTRALIA MAY PROTEST.

Threatened Germanization of the Ellice and Gilbert Islands.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 17.—According to the *Daily Mail's* Sydney, N. S. W., correspondent, the threatened Germanization of the Ellice and Gilbert Islands, owing to a German company acquiring important trading rights.

Pressure is being exerted on Mr. Barton, Prime Minister of the Australian Commonwealth, to induce him to protest vigorously against the Germanization of the Ellice and Gilbert Islands.

COMMERCIAL WAR ON GERMANY.

Russia Said to Have Made the Proposal With Austria and Italy Favorable.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. VIENNA, Jan. 17.—The evening papers announce that Russia is trying to organize a commercial alliance against the proposed German tariff. Austria, Italy, Denmark, Switzerland, Serbia and Roumania are represented as being willing to cooperate in what would prove a virtual boycott of Germany.

American Shipyard Near Antwerp?

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 17.—The *Daily Mail* says that an American company is seeking a site for a shipbuilding yard at Hoboken near Antwerp. The chief difficulty of the scheme is the scarcity of skilled labor.

Mr. Schwab in Vienna.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. VIENNA, Jan. 17.—Charles M. Schwab, President of the United States Steel Corporation, is in the city.

AS DRY AS EVER NOW.

Water All Pumped Out of "Times" and "Tribune" Pressrooms.

A branch from the Park row water main which supplies the New York Times building burst last Monday four feet under ground and fifteen feet or more from the foundation walls of the Times building. Late that night water began to trickle into the Times pressroom. It reached a depth of about three inches in the pressroom before the engineer in the pressroom noticed it and put a suction pump to work to carry it off. The engineer also shut off the branch main and began to draw water from another main.

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